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To the Electors of the County of Middlesex.

The Election which is to commence the 11th of March next, for fixing on the place for holding the Courts of this County, is the most important and interesting of any to which your attention has been called since the Revolution. Every man who is entitled to vote for members of Assembly, has a right to vote upon this occasion.

Brunswick and Perth Amboy are the two places between which the contest will lie, & your suffrages are to determine on the place forever. It will therefore be proper for you to consider the motives, both public and private, that ought to induce you to give your votes for one place in preference to the other. It is upon this subject we now take the liberty to address you, and trust that, as our common interest is concerned, we shall be excused for the anxiety manifested on this occasion. Independent of the public advantages that will accrue by fixing on Perth Amboy, it behoves you to consider how it will effect your interest individually. There is already a substantial Court House and Gaol in Perth Amboy, built for the use of the County, and occupied as such 'till the beginning of the late war. These buildings will be completely repaired by the inhabitants of that place, FREE OF ALL EXPENCE TO THE COUNTY. The money is already subscribed for the purpose, and the most ample security will be given to the County for the payment of it. A BOND in the penalty of £6,000 conditioned for defraying the whole expence, and duly executed by two men of responsibility, will be lodged on the day of Election with the Sheriff or some other Officer attending the same, free for the inspection of any of the Electors, which Bond is to be delivered to the Board of Justices and Freeholders, if the event of the Election shall be declared for Perth Amboy.

But if by your votes the Courts are fixed at Brunswick, a Court House and Gaol must then be built by a tax on the County. Some of the people of Brunswick themselves have estimated the expence at SIX THOUSAND POUNDS, which, considering the increased price of materials, and including the purchase of the Lots, is perhaps not more than those buildings will cost; consider therefore what a load of expence this will bring upon the County, and how oppressive such a tax will be on the Farmer, the Mechanic, and the Labourer. A short calculation will put this in a clear point of view. The money raised in this county last year for the use of the State was £1242. The man therefore whose tax was FORTY SHILLINGS on this sum, must pay nearly TEN POUNDS towards those buildings, besides his common taxes for the year. In that proportion every man in the county must pay, and the tax of each person can easily be ascertained by the above rule.

The choice is now submitted to you, either to fix on Amboy and pay NOTHING, or on Brunswick and pay a FIVE FOLD TAX. We all know the distress which the collection of taxes occasions in every part of the county. The laborious part of the community too frequently have their taxes increased by the addition of the Justices and the Constables fees. This useful class of men claim our particular consideration, and it will be in our power at this election to save their families from being distressed, and themselves perhaps confined in that very prison, to build which their tax is demanded.

You have every inducement, gentlemen, that can arise from considerations of public prosperity and private interest, to give your votes for Perth Amboy. Let these motives therefore influence you on this occasion, and do not suffer the arts and insinuations of any men whatever, to divert you from attending to your true interest and the welfare of the County.

JONATHAN BLOOMFIELD, **Chairman.**

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